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Reporting for the week ending October 16, 2011.

General

All across Arkansas last week, temperatures were quite a bit warmer than normal for this time of year, with temperatures reaching as high as 7 degrees above normal at Fort Smith. High temperatures ranged from 83 degrees Fahrenheit at Batesville to 92 degrees Fahrenheit at Fort Smith. Low temperatures ranged from 38 degrees Fahrenheit at Gilbert to 56 degrees Fahrenheit at North Little Rock. A frontal boundary moved in to Arkansas on Wednesday of last week, bringing rainfall to most of the state and even producing a small tornado in Carroll County in northwest Arkansas. Thirty-two out of the thirty-six reporting stations received some precipitation. Topsoil moisture supplies were 29 percent very short, 38 percent short, and 33 percent adequate. Subsoil moisture supplies were 32 percent very short, 42 percent short, and 26 percent adequate. Producers had 6.2 days suitable for fieldwork last week.

Crops

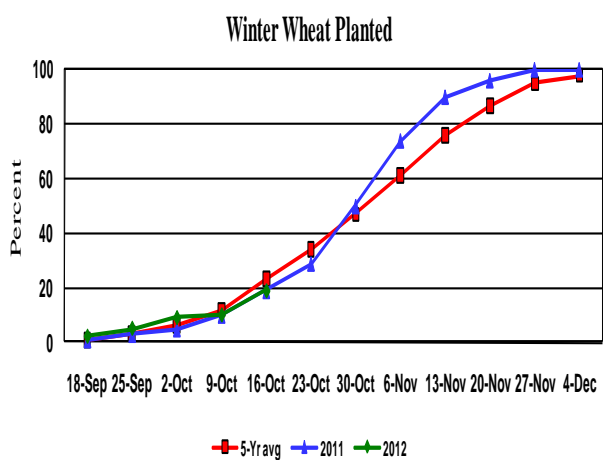
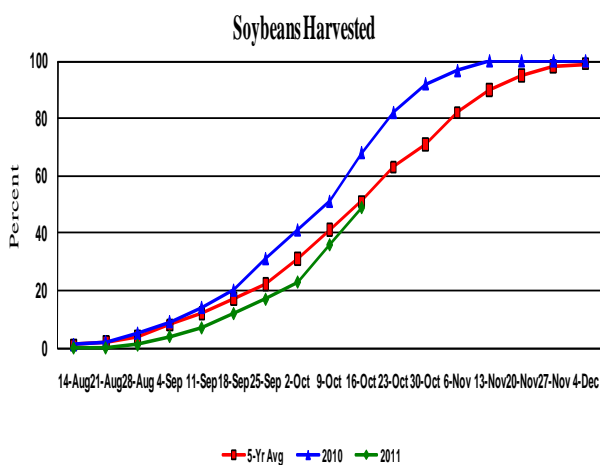
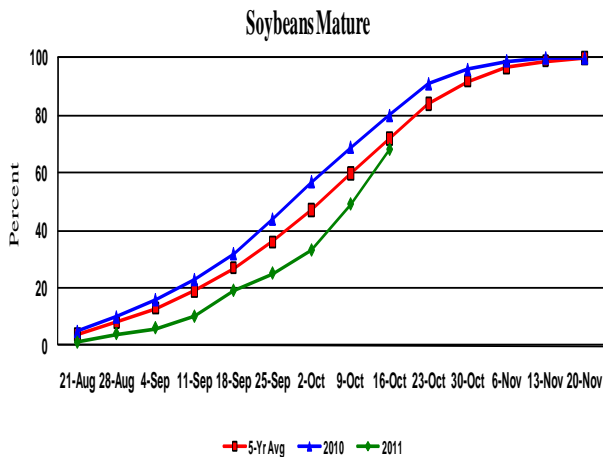
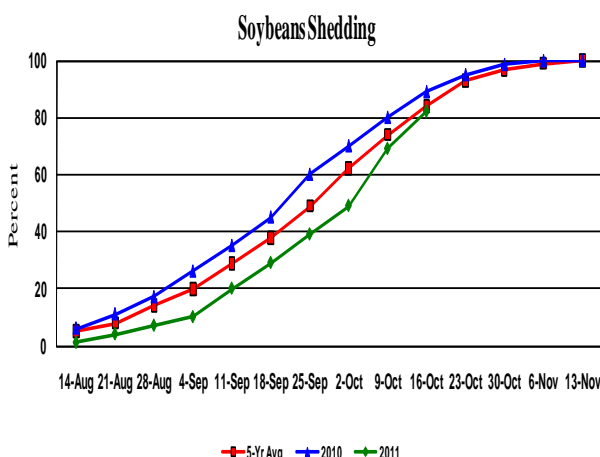
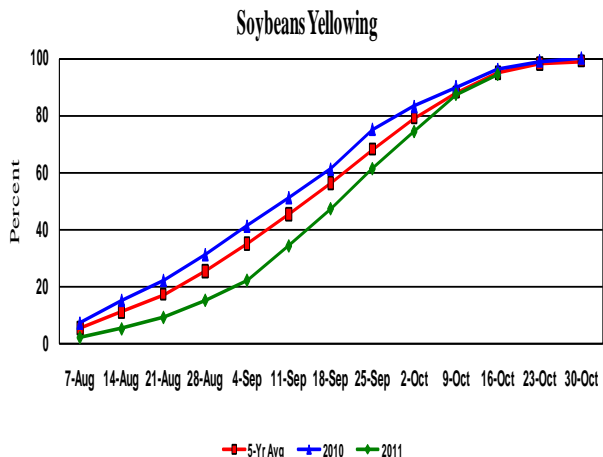
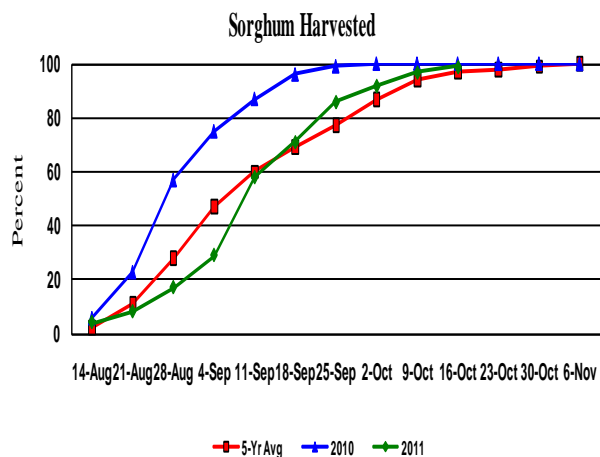
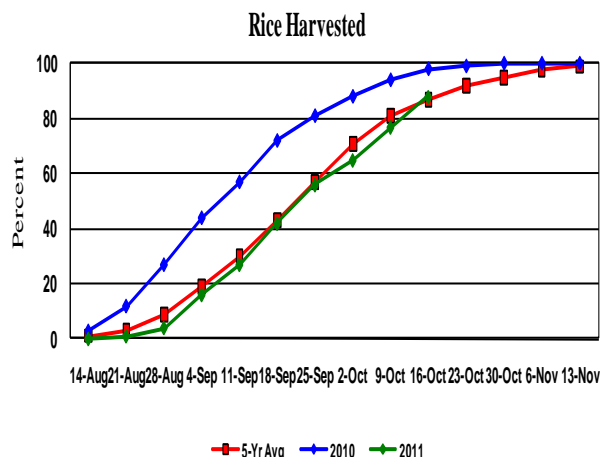
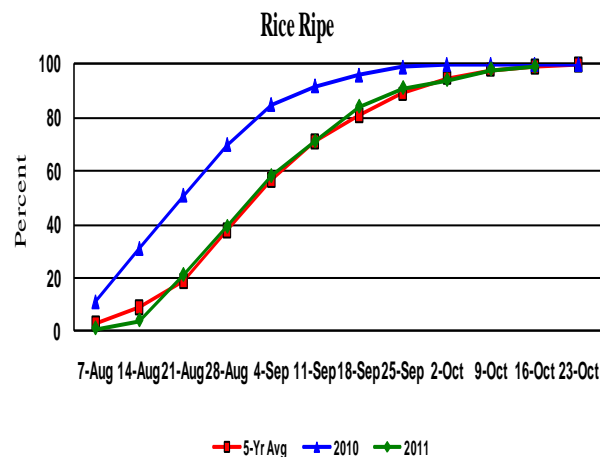
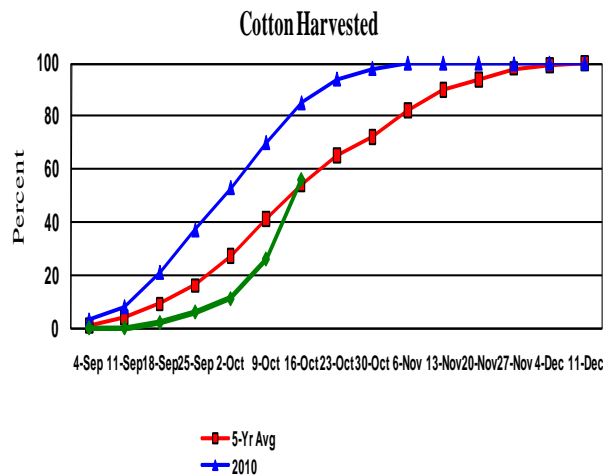
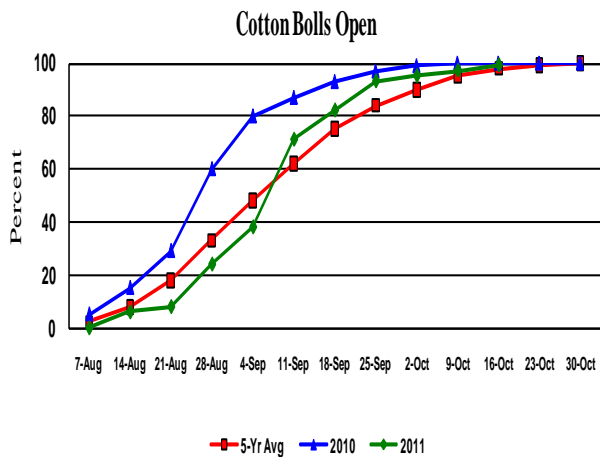
Nearly all of the cotton crop had opened bolls, and cotton producers had harvested 56 percent of the crop by week’s end. The rice crop reached 99 percent ripe and 88 percent harvested last week. Sorghum harvest was close to completion with 99 percent harvested by the end of last week. The soybean crop was 94 percent yellowing, 82 percent shedding, 68 percent mature, and 49 percent harvested. Winter wheat producers planted an additional 9 percent of the crop last week to reach 19 percent, and 5 percent of the crop had emerged.

Livestock

Livestock remained in mostly fair to good condition. There wasn’t any improvement in pasture and range and hay crops as drought conditions continued across Arkansas. There were reports of producers culling herds and looking for winter feed supplies due to hay shortages.

Percent of Progress					
Crop	Stage	Current Week	Previous Week	2010	5-Year Avg
Corn	Harvested	100	99	100	97
Cotton	Opening Bolls	99	97	100	98
	Harvested	56	26	85	54
Rice	Ripe	99	98	100	99
	Harvested	88	77	98	87
Sorghum	Harvested	99	97	100	97
Soybeans	Yellowing	94	87	96	94
	Shedding	82	69	89	84
	Mature	68	49	80	72
	Harvested	49	36	68	51
Winter Wheat	Planted	19	10	19	23
	Emerged	5	4	5	8

Condition in Percentages					
Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Cotton	4	11	38	32	15
Soybeans	3	16	33	37	11
Hay-Alfalfa	23	46	17	12	2
Hay-Other	23	33	39	5	0
Pasture and Range	30	28	35	7	0



Temperatures and Precipitation Week Ending October 16, 2011									
District	Station	Temperatures			Rainfall				
		High	Low	Dep from Normal *	Wk Ending Oct 16	4 wk Accum	4 wk Normal	Year-to-Date	
								2011	Normal
Northwest	Fayetteville	84	42	6	1.79	3.84	4.28	44.19	38.34
	Harrison	86	46	6	0.96	2.14	3.41	40.85	36.89
N. Central	Calico Rock	89	41	3	0.92	1.14	3.86	38.36	37.61
	Gilbert	89	38	3	0.64	0.78	3.65	37.09	36.44
	Greers Ferry	86	48	5	1.40	2.45	3.66	41.78	40.28
	Mtn. Home	87	45	5	0.98	1.47	3.49	43.58	36.54
Northeast	Batesville	83	46	4	0.94	1.10	3.50	41.64	38.03
	Blytheville	87	49	4	0.44	1.71	3.25	34.98	40.96
	Jonesboro	87	48	5	0.63	1.26	3.42	37.96	36.93
	Keiser	87	48	4	0.72	1.53	3.58	46.84	40.57
	Newport	88	49	5	0.80	1.04	3.15	38.64	38.42
W. Central	Booneville	87	45	4	0.19	0.39	4.05	38.00	38.56
	Clarksville	89	48	5	0.47	0.50	3.67	34.45	37.27
	Dardanelle	90	44	5	0.53	0.53	3.79	37.35	38.74
	Ft. Smith	92	50	7	0.72	1.13	3.84	33.16	35.94
	Mena	86	44	6	0.30	0.51	4.99	33.81	46.63
	Ozark	88	46	6	0.94	1.27	3.91	36.30	36.54
Central	Conway	88	49	5	1.10	1.36	3.31	42.10	37.94
	Hot Springs	87	52	6	0.30	0.50	4.39	38.43	45.95
	Little Rock	88	50	4	0.35	0.63	3.66	37.23	40.13
	Morrilton	89	44	4	0.59	0.94	3.54	39.33	37.86
	N. Little Rock	87	56	5	0.71	0.84	3.59	41.83	39.22
E. Central	Brinkley	86	49	3	1.50	1.70	3.30	45.91	39.91
	Marianna	87	48	4	0.66	2.25	3.11	44.31	42.09
	Stuttgart	89	49	6	0.28	0.59	3.35	38.28	39.00
	West Memphis	87	47	4	0.84	1.57	3.36	36.61	42.30
Southwest	DeQueen	87	43	4	0.43	0.92	3.76	30.82	42.55
	Hope	90	47	5	0.03	0.21	4.03	25.94	43.29
	Texarkana	89	51	6	0.08	0.97	3.73	21.09	37.31
S. Central	Camden	91	44	5	0.00	0.70	3.92	30.86	42.78
	El Dorado	91	42	4	0.00	0.84	3.87	22.88	44.58
	Warren	90	42	3	0.07	1.06	4.30	21.23	45.66
Southeast	Eudora	90	40	3	0.00	5.62	3.79	33.37	47.03
	Monticello	90	49	5	0.00	1.56	3.37	30.41	44.84
	Pine Bluff	90	49	5	0.60	0.95	3.69	31.49	41.80
	Rohwer	89	48	3	0.09	2.73	3.07	32.95	41.41

* Departure from normal = $\frac{(\text{high} - \text{low})}{2}$ – 30 year average

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